

# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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### RELIEF FROM SCORCHING HEAT

Rain late in the week provided some relief from scorching heat. Despite being below the five-year average, **corn** is progressing nicely. **Soybeans** are now at 51 percent blooming, which is well above five-year average of 40 percent. Plenty of sun around the state has allowed farmers time in the fields. As a result, **hay** harvest is still ahead of schedule compared to previous years. There were **6.3 days suitable for field work**.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 2 percent poor, 6 percent fair, 90 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 4 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

**Pasture** was rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 15 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 6 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Apples	12	8	12	5
Cantaloups	35	24	49	38
Cucumbers	79	50	47	50
Lima Beans (processed)	62	23	50	29
Peaches	30	22	31	29
Potatoes	51	31	24	48
Snap Beans	80	69	53	53
Sweet Corn	47	34	70	48
Tomatoes	22	16	41	30
Watermelons	25	20	26	20
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Soybeans Blooming	51	43	63	40
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	61	51	48	43
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	81	75	73	76

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	2	25	70	3
Topsoil (2004)	-	7	70	23
Five Year Average	10	20	56	14
Subsoil Moisture	1	17	80	2
Subsoil (2004)	2	4	79	15
Five Year Average	13	15	63	9

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2005**

Weather Station	Precipitation			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.96	29.7	5.98	96	66	78	2
Easton	0.71	27.93	2.04	97	66	79	2
Frederick	0.48	26.31	3.01	94	62	77	5
Frostburg	0.09	24.66	-4.10	88	55	71	3
Hagerstown	0.04	18.15	-4.59	95	63	78	4
Mechanicsville	0.66	25.00	-1.62	97	60	77	2
Patuxent River	0.36	24.44	0.27	100	68	81	6
Ocean City	0.45	29.99	4.02	93	69	78	2
Salisbury	0.99	32.64	6.58	98	64	78	2
Sharpsburg	0.25	22.05	-1.25	95	62	76	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.22	26.87	4.72	97	71	81	1
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	1.46	29.84	4.24	95	68	79	2
Georgetown	0.77	28.21	3.20	98	69	80	4
Wilmington	0.63	24.29	-0.09	96	63	78	2

**Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.**